

WYCOMBE SNATCH A LATE VICTORY

Sports Mail Special Report

WITH left back John Beck and centre forward Paul Bates back in their side after several weeks on the injured list Wycombe Wanderers produced some excellent football in their Isthmian League game against Woking. Though Woking snatched the lead mid-way through the half, the strong wind helped Wanderers to a decisive win.

Wycombe Wanderers: Maskell; Rundle, Beck; Baker, Faulkner, Gale; Worley, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick. Substitute: Busby.

Woking: Farris; Norgate, Elton; Simm, Lewis, McPhee; McBryde, Cooper, Tindall, O'Riordon, Woods. Substitute: Moore.

Referee: J A Cook (Wimbledon).

Taking advantage of the wind behind them, Woking set a lively pace at the start and put Wycombe on the defensive for a spell.

Tempers were frayed in some robust exchanges. Wycombe men Gale and Faulkner were both injured in clashes but were able to resume after attention.

He was beaten from short range, however, in the 23rd minute when McBryde challenged him when he saved a corner kick from Cooper. Centre forward TINDALL nipped through to head home.

Horseman and Merrick were prominent in some determined

Wycombe attacks

Then goalkeeper Farris made a spectacular save from a brilliant diving header by Bates.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 0, Woking 1.

It was almost continuous Wycombe assault as shot after shot was blocked and three corner kicks by Merrick in rapid succession were all narrowly cleared before HORSEMAN equalised in the 74th minute with a characteristic opportunist goal from a pass by Worley.

Over eagerness in front of goal robbed Wycombe of several chances but five minutes before the end SAMUELS gave them the lead with a header close in after a smart move between Horseman and Merrick.

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